

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

After the foregoing Amendment, Claim 15 is currently pending in this application.

Claims 1-14 have been cancelled without prejudice.

#### **Claim Rejections**

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 USC §§ 102, 103. Claims 1-14 have been cancelled, therefore the rejections are moot.

#### **Claim Objections**

The Examiner objected to claim 15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 15 has been amended to include all the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. The withdrawal of the objection to claim 15 is respectfully requested.

#### **Conclusion**

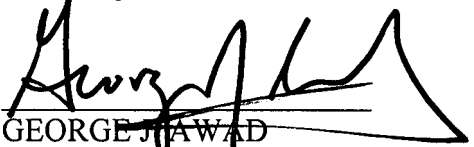
In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claim 15, is in condition for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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